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SUBJECT: CAR BASKETBALL TEAM

REF: BANGUI 544

1. DESK CONTACTED NEVES PER REFTEL. NEVES CALLED BACK THIS MORNING AND PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION. HE HAS CONTACTED DUKE, CLEMSON AND MARYLAND UNIVERSITIES CONCERNING POSSIBLE GAMES. THEY ARE AGREEABLE TO PLAYING CAR TEAM BUT NCAA HAS RULE AGAINST COLLEGE TEAMS PLAYING OUT OF SEASON. EACH UNIVERSITY WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM NCAA FOR EXCEPTION. SUCH REQUEST IS SUPPOSED TO BE SUBMITTED TO NCAA 30 DAYS IN ADVANCE. THEREFORE EVEN IF THE UNIVERSITIES CITED MADE SUCH A REQUEST, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT IT COULD BE PROCESSED IN TIME FOR SCHEDULING OF CAR TEAM AND TRAINING OF COLLEGE TEAMS. EXCEPTIONS HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN GIVEN IN THE PAST FOR THIS TYPE OF GAME.

2. BEST POSSIBLE FINANCIAL DEAL WOULD BE FOR 50-50 SPLIT OF GATE AFTER UNIVERSITY EXPENSES MET. GIVEN END OF SCHOOL AND U.S. COSTS, THIS WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE ADEQUATE TO COVER CAR TEAM EXPENSES.

3. IF YOU DESIRE, WILL REQUEST NEVES TO ASK UNIVERSITIES TO REQUEST EXCEPTION FROM NCAA, BUT WE ARE NOT

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OPTIMISTIC OF SUCCESS. IF REPEAT IF MATCHES COULD BE
SCHEDULED, FIRM GUARANTEES BY GOCAR OF ALL EXPENSES
SHOULD BE OBTAINED BEFORE PROCEEDING.

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